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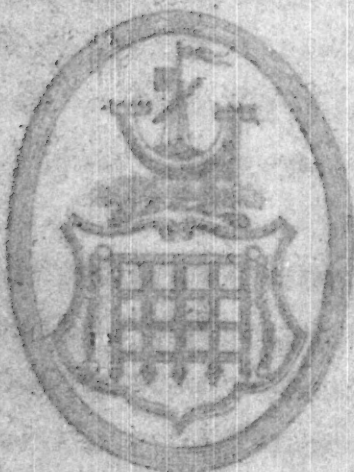
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CHARTER OF KING JAMES I.

JAMES, by the Grace of God, of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. TO ALL PEOPLE to whom the present Letters shall have come, greeting.

FOR AS MUCH AS Our Borough of HARWICH, in Our County of Essex, is an ancient and populous Borough, and the Burgesses of that Borough, from Time the contrary whereof the Memory of Man extendeth not, have had, and both used and enjoyed, divers Liberties, Franchises, Immunities, and Pre-eminences, as well by Reason of sundry Charters and Letters Patent of divers of Our Progenitors and Predecessors, lately Kings of England, heretofore made and granted to them and their Predecessors, by the Name of the Burgesses of the Borough of Harwich, in the County of Essex,

1. Recital of ancient Liberties.

whether by any other Name, or any other Names of Incorporation ; as also by Reason or Pretext of several Prescriptions and Customs in the same Borough used and accustomed.

2. Recital of Request to be incorporated.

AND FOR AS MUCH AS Our beloved Subjects, the Burgesses and Inhabitants of the same Borough, have most humbly besought Us, that We would, as far as in Us lies, exhibit and extend Our Royal Favour and Munificence to the same Burgesses and Inhabitants of the same Borough ; AND that We also, for the better Regiment, Government, and Improvement, of the same Borough, would, as to Us should seem more expedient, vouchsafe to make, reduce, and create, by Our Letters Patent, the said Burgesses of the same Borough of Harwich, by whatsoever Name of Corporation, or by whatsoever Names of Incorporation they have been heretofore incorporated, and whether they have been heretofore incorporated or not, as well the Tenants, Residents, and Inhabitants of Our Village of DOVERCOURT, in the said County of Essex, to the same Borough of Harwich

adjoining and near adjacent, into one Body Corporate and Politick, by the Name of MAYOR AND BURGESSES OF THE BOROUGH OF HARWICH, in the County of ESSEX.

WE THEREFORE being willing that hereafter for ever, as well in the same Borough of Harwich as in the aforesaid Village of Dovercourt, continually be had one certain and undoubted Mode of and for the Keeping of the Peace, and for the Rule and Government of the People there; AND that the Borough aforesaid hereafter for ever may be and remain a Borough of Peace and Quiet, to the Dread and Terror of the Bad, and for the Reward of the Good; and that Our Peace and other Acts of Justice there may have force, and may be able the better to be preserved; AND HOPING that if the said Burgesses of the aforesaid Borough, and the aforesaid Tenants, Residents, and Inhabitants, of the aforesaid Village of Dovercourt, and their Successors, shall be able to enjoy Liberties and Privileges by reason of Our more enlarged Grant, then they may be sensible

3. Harwich and Dovercourt to be henceforth a free Borough,

that they are bound more especially and strongly to render and perform the Services which they shall be able, to Us, and Our Heirs and Successors, OF Our special Grace, and from Our certain Knowledge and mere Motion, HAVE WILLED, ordained, constituted, declared, and granted, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, DO WILL, ordain, constitute, declare, and grant, that the said Borough of Harwich, and the aforesaid Village of Dovercourt, in the said County of Essex, hereafter for ever be, and shall be, conjointly, one free Borough of itself; AND that the Burgesses, Tenants, Residents, and Inhabitants, as well of the aforesaid Borough of Harwich, as of the aforesaid Village of Dovercourt, and their Successors, hereafter for ever be, and shall be, by Virtue of these Presents, one Body Corporate and Politick, in Fact, Deed, and Name, by the Name of MAYOR AND BURGESSES OF THE BOROUGH OF HARWICH IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX. AND We require, make, ordain, constitute, confirm, and declare, them, by the Name of Mayor and Burgesses of the Bo-

and the Burgesses, Tenants, Residents, and Inhabitants, to be one Body Corporate and Politick,

by the Name here fixed.

rough of Harwich in the County of Essex, one Body Corporate and Politick, in Fact, Deed, and Name, really, and to the full, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, by these Presents: AND that by the same Name they may have perpetual Succession: AND that they by the Name of Mayor and Burgesses of the Borough of Harwich, in the County of Essex, be, and shall be, at all Times hereafter, Persons fit, and in Law capable, to have, purchase, take, and possess, Manors, Lands, Tenements, Liberties, Privileges, Jurisdictions, Franchises, and Hereditaments, of whatsoever Kind, Nature, or Species, they shall be, to them and their Successors, in Fee and Perpetuity, or for a Term of a Year or Years, or otherwise, in any Manner whatsoever; AND ALSO Goods and Chattels and other Things whatsoever, of whatsoever Kind, Name, Nature, Quality, or Species, they shall be; AND ALSO to give, grant, demise, alienate, assign, and dispose of, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and all and singular other Deeds and Acts to do and execute by the Name aforesaid: AND that by the same Name of Mayor and Bur-

To have perpetual Succession.

They may purchase, &c. Lands,

and Goods.

May dispose of Lands, &c.

May sue, and be sued.

gesses of the Borough of Harwich, in the County of Essex, they may have Power, and may be able, to implead and to be impleaded, to answer and to be answered, to defend and to be defended, in whatsoever Courts, Pleadings, and Places, and before whatsoever Our Judges and Justices, and other Persons and Officers, and of Our Heirs and Successors, in all and singular Actions, Suits, Pleas, Complaints, Causes, Matters, and Demands whatsoever, of whatsoever Kind, Name, Nature, Quality, or Species, they be or shall be, in the same Manner and Form as any other Our Lieges of this Our Kingdom of England, being fit Persons, and capable in Law, or any other Body Corporate and Politick within Our Kingdom of England, may be able and have Power to have, purchase, take, possess, enjoy, retain, give, grant, demise, alienate, assign, and dispose of, to implead and to be impleaded, to answer and to be answered, to defend and to be defended, to do, permit, or execute. **AND** that the Mayor and Burgesses of the Borough aforesaid, for ever, may have a common Seal, to serve for executing whatsoever their

May have a common Seal, and change it.

Causes and Affairs, and of their Successors; AND that it may well be lawful, and shall be lawful, for the same Mayor and Burgesses, and their Successors, that Seal, at their Pleasure, from Time to Time, to break, change, and anew to make, as to them shall seem better to be done and to be.

AND FURTHER We will, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do grant to the beforesaid Mayor and Burgesses of the Borough aforesaid, and to their Successors, that hereafter for ever there be, and shall be, Eight of the Burgesses of the Borough aforesaid, to be chosen in Form hereafter in these Presents mentioned, who shall be, and shall be called, ALDERMEN of the same Borough; from which Aldermen of the Borough aforesaid, one certain one, from Time to Time yearly, shall be chosen and nominated in Form hereafter in these Presents mentioned, about to be, and to be Mayor of the same Borough: AND that in like Manner there be, and shall be, within the Borough aforesaid, Twenty-four of the more honest and discreet Bur-

4. To have Eight Aldermen, whereof yearly One to be chosen Mayor.

To have Twenty-four Capital Burgesses.

who are to be of
the Common
Council.

The other Alder-
men, and the Capi-
tal Burgesses, are
to be assisting to
the Mayor.

5. Power to make
Laws in Writing,
in Manner prescri-
bed, for the Go-
vernment of the
Borough, Inhabi-
tants, &c.

gesses of the same Borough, to be chosen in Form hereafter in these Presents mentioned, who shall be, and shall be named, CAPITAL BURGESSES of the Borough aforesaid; THE WHICH Eight Aldermen and Twenty-four Capital Burgesses for the Time being, shall be of the Common Council of the same Borough: AND that the Residue of the aforesaid Eight Aldermen of the Borough aforesaid for the Time being, not being in the Office of Mayor of the Borough aforesaid, and the aforesaid Twenty-four Capital Burgesses of the same Borough for the Time being, shall be from Time to Time assisting and aiding to the Mayor of the said Borough for the Time being, in all Causes, Affairs, and Matters, touching or concerning the said Borough.

AND FURTHER We will, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do grant to the beforenamed Mayor and Burgesses of the Borough aforesaid, and their Successors, that the Mayor, Aldermen, and Capital Burgesses, of the Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, or the

greater Part of them (of whom the Mayor of the Borough aforesaid for the Time being We will to be one), assembled upon public Summons, hereafter to be made for that Purpose, may have, and shall have, full Power and Authority, to frame, constitute, ordain, and make, from Time to Time, in Writing, reasonable, good, wholesome, profitable, honest, and necessary Laws, Statutes, Constitutions, Decrees, and Ordinances whatsoever, which to them, or the greater Part of them (of whom the Mayor of the Borough aforesaid for the Time being We will to be one), shall seem to be, according to the sound Discretions of them, for the good Rule and Government of the Borough aforesaid, and of all and singular Officers, Ministers, Artificers, Inhabitants, and Residents, whatsoever, within the Borough aforesaid, and the Liberties of the same, for the Time being, and for the Declaring in what Manner and Order the same Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, and all and singular Officers, Ministers, Burgesses, Artificers, Inhabitants, and Residents, of the Borough aforesaid, in their Offices, Functions, Ministries, Trades, and

Employments, within the Borough aforesaid, and the Liberties and Precincts of the same, for the Time being, shall behave, deport, and use themselves, for the further Publick Good, common Advantage, and good Government, of the Borough aforesaid, and the Victualling of the same, and for repairing and amending of the Pavement in the Streets and Lanes of the Borough aforesaid, and for attending to the Fords for the Passage and Repassage of Boats and Barks of the Borough aforesaid, and for the Preservation and Maintenance of the Harbour of the same Borough, and of all the Fishing in the same, and whatsoever other Matters and Causes touching, or in any Manner concerning, the Borough aforesaid: AND that the same Mayor, Aldermen, and Capital Burgesses, of the Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, or the greater Part of them, of whom the aforementioned Mayor of the Borough aforesaid for the Time being We will to be one, as often as they shall have made, framed, ordained, or established, such Laws, Institutions, Rights, Ordinances, and Constitutions, in Form aforesaid, be able, and have Power, to

Also to compel the
Observation of
them by Fines, &c.

make, ordain, limit, and provide, such, and such like, Pains, Punishments, and Penalties, by Imprisonment of the Body, or by Fines and Amerciaments, or by both of them, against, and upon, all Offenders against such Laws, Rights, Ordinances, and Constitutions, whether any one of them, or any such like, and which shall seem to the same Mayor, Aldermen, and Capital Burgeses, of the Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, or the greater Part of them (of whom the aforementioned Mayor for the Time being We will to be one), to be more necessary, proper, and requisite, for the Observation of the same Laws, Ordinances, and Constitutions, and the same Fines and Amerciaments to raise, and have, to the Use of the aforementioned Mayor and Burgesses, and their Successors, without Hinderance of Us, Our Heirs or Successors, or of any one, or more, of the Officers or Ministers of Us, Our Heirs or Successors, and without any Composition to Us, Our Heirs or Successors, from thence to be paid; ALL and singular which Ordinances, Laws, and Constitutions, so as aforesaid to be made, We will to be observed,

Mayor and Burgesses to have the Fines, without Composition.

Such Laws not to
be repugnant to
the Laws of Eng-
land.

under the Penalties in the same to be contained ;
SO, NEVERTHELESS, that such Laws, Ordi-
nances, Constitutions, Imprisonments, Fines, and
Amerciaments, be reasonable, and be not repug-
nant, nor contrary, to the Laws, Statutes, Customs,
or Rights, of Our Kingdom of England.

6. The first Mayor
appointed.

AND for the better Execution of Our Will and
Grant in this Particular, We have assigned, nomi-
nated, created, constituted, and made, and by these
Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do as-
sign, nominate, create, constitute, and make, Our
beloved Servant John Hankyn, Gentleman, about
to be, and to be, the first, and at this Time, Mayor
of the Borough aforesaid ; **WILLING** that the
same John Hankyn, in the Office of Mayor of the
Borough aforesaid shall be, and continue, from the
Date of these Presents, until the Feast of Saint
Andrew the Apostle next ensuing, and afterwards,
until such Time as some other Alderman of the
Borough aforesaid, shall have been to that Office
in due Manner elected, appointed, and sworn, ac-
cording to the Ordinances and Provisions, in these

Presents, hereafter expressed and declared (if the same John Hankyn shall so long live). We have also assigned, nominated, and appointed, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do assign, nominate, and appoint, the aforementioned John Hankyn, Gentleman, and by Us beloved, Ambrose Gilberd, Gentleman, James Barker, Robert Smart, Henry Hankyn, Edmund Seman, Thomas Shreve, and Thomas Gray, about to be, and to be, the first, and at this Time, Eight Aldermen of the Borough aforesaid, to be continued in the same Offices during their Lives, unless in the mean Time they shall be amoved, either any one of them shall be amoved, or any of them shall be amoved, for bad Government, or ill-behaving themselves in that Body, or for any other reasonable Cause, from those Offices. **MOREOVER** We have assigned, nominated, created, and constituted, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do assign, nominate, constitute, and make, by Us beloved, Edmund Raffe, Robert Gooding, John Lufkyn, Michael Twitt, George Hodson, William King the Younger, Robert Hart,

The first Eight Aldermen appointed.

The first Twenty-four Capital Burgesses appointed.

Nicholas Hancock, Christopher Jones, James Pacie, Edmund Lock, Anthony Seyward, William Farley, Nicholas Sack, Robert Kelley, Robert Richardson, Thomas Twitt, John King, John Shreve, Raymond Hurlock, John Sack, Edward Spencer, Richard Culfe, and Robert Lee, about to be, and to be, the Twenty-four first, and at this Time, Capital Burgesses of the Borough aforesaid, to be continued in the same Offices during their natural Lives, unless in the mean Time they shall have been amoved, either any one of them shall be amoved, or any of them shall be amoved, for bad Government, or ill-behaving themselves in that Body, or for any other reasonable Cause.

7. The Twenty-four Capital Burgesses, or the greater Part of them, are to choose a Mayor every St. Andrew's Day: who is to be sworn as here is directed.

AND FURTHER We will, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do give and grant to the aforenamed Mayor and Burgesses of the Borough aforesaid, and their Successors, that the aforesaid Twenty-four Capital Burgesses of the Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, or the greater Part of them the same, from Time to Time, at all Times hereafter, may have, and shall have,

Power and Authority, yearly, and in every Year, for ever, on the Feast of Saint Andrew the Apostle, to choose and nominate, and that they have Power to choose and nominate, one of the aforesaid Aldermen of the Borough aforesaid, who shall be Mayor of the Borough aforesaid for one whole Year then next ensuing: AND that he, after he shall have been so chosen and nominated, as before directed, to the Office of Mayor of the Borough aforesaid, before that he may be admitted to execute that Office, shall take a Corporal Oath before the last Mayor his Predecessor, the Recorder, and Steward, and Aldermen, of the Borough aforesaid, or so many of them who at that Time shall be present, to execute that Office, well, uprightly, and honestly, in all Things touching that Office; AND that, after such Oath so taken, he hath Power, and may be able, to execute the Office of Mayor of the Borough aforesaid, for one whole Year from that Time next ensuing.

AND MOREOVER We will, and by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, do grant

8. If he die, or be removed, within the Year, the Twenty-four Ca-

pital Burgesses, or the greater Part of them, are to choose another for the Remainder of the Year, out of the other Aldermen; who is to be sworn in like Manner.

to the aforementioned Mayor and Burgesses of the Borough aforesaid, and the Successors of them, that if it shall happen that the Mayor of the Borough aforesaid (at any Time), within one Year after he shall have been so elected and sworn to the Office of Mayor of the Borough aforesaid (as before appointed), dies, or from that Office be amoved, THAT then, and so often, it may well be lawful, and shall be lawful, for the aforementioned Capital Burgesses of the same Borough, for the Time being, or for the greater Part of the same, to choose and appoint one other of the aforesaid Aldermen to the Mayoralty of the Borough aforesaid, according to the Ordinances and Provisions above in these Presents declared; AND that he, so elected, as before appointed, to the Office of Mayor of the Borough aforesaid, may have and exercise that Office during the Residue of the same Year, his Corporal Oath being first to be taken in form aforesaid: AND thus, as often as the Case shall so happen.

9. On Death or Amoval of one or

AND FURTHER We will, that whensoever

it happens that any one, or any, of the aforesaid Aldermen, or of the aforesaid Capital Burgesses, of the Borough aforesaid, die, or from his Office of Alderman, or Capital Burgess, of the Borough aforesaid (for any reasonable Cause, be amoved, (which said Aldermen, and Capital Burgesses, of the Borough aforesaid, or any one or any of them, not behaving himself well, or not behaving themselves well, in that Office, We will to be amoveable, and them to be amoveable, at the good Pleasure of the Capital Burgesses, of the Borough aforesaid, or of the greater Part of the same,) that then, and so often, it may well be lawful, and shall be lawful, for the Capital Burgesses of the Borough aforesaid, at that Time surviving or remaining, or for the greater Part of the same, to choose, nominate, and appoint, one other, or more others, of the Burgesses and Inhabitants of the Borough aforesaid, into the Place, or Places, of this, or of these, Alderman, or Aldermen, or of this Capital Burgess, or of these Capital Burgesses, of the Borough aforesaid, so happening, or they so happening, to die, or to be amoved, to fill up the

more of the Aldermen, or Capital Burgesses (which Amoval may be made for reasonable Cause, &c. by the Capital Burgesses, or the greater Part of them), the surviving or remaining Capital Burgesses, or the greater Part of them, are to supply the Vacancy, or Vacancies, out of the Burgesses and Inhabitants of the Borough; who is, or are, to be sworn, &c.

aforesaid Number of Eight Aldermen, and Twenty-four Capital Burgesses, of the Borough aforesaid; AND that he so elected and appointed, or they so elected and appointed, as aforesaid, to the Office of Alderman of the Borough aforesaid, or to the Office of Capital Burgess of the Borough aforesaid, having taken a Corporal Oath to execute that Office well and faithfully, before the Mayor, and other Aldermen, and Capital Burgesses, of the Borough aforesaid, or the greater Part of the same, (of whom the Mayor of the Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, We will to be one,) he shall be, and they shall be, of the aforesaid Number of Eight Aldermen, or of the aforesaid Twenty-four Capital Burgesses; AND this from Time to Time, as often as the Case shall so happen.

10. To have a Recorder.

AND FURTHER We will, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do grant to the aforesaid Mayor, and Burgesses, of the Borough aforesaid, and their Successors, that they, and their Successors, may have, and shall have, in the Borough aforesaid, one discreet Man, well

skilled in the Laws of England, in Form hereafter expressed to be chosen and nominated, who shall be, and shall be named, **RECORDER** of the Borough aforesaid: **AND** We have assigned, constituted, and made, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do assign, ordain, nominate, constitute, and make, Our very well-beloved and faithful Servant, **Edward Coke, Knight**, Our Attorney General, about to be, and to be, the First, and at this Time, Recorder of the Borough aforesaid, to be continued in the same Office during the natural Life of him, **Edward Coke, Knight**; **AND** that from Time to Time, and at all Times, after the Death of the aforesaid **Edward Coke, Knight**, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Capital Burgesses, of the same Borough, for the Time being, or the greater Part of the same, (of whom the aforesaid Mayor, for the Time being, We will to be one, may have Power, and be able, to choose, nominate, and appoint, one other discreet Man, well skilled in the Laws of England, to the Recordship of the Borough aforesaid; **AND** that he who shall have been

Sir Edward Coke,
first Recorder: is
appointed for Life.

After his Death,
the Mayor, Alder-
men, and Capital
Burgesses, or the
greater Part of
them, to elect the
Recorder.

Who may enjoy
that Office during

their Pleasure, or
until another is
chosen and sworn.

electd, appointed, and nominated, to the Recordership of the Borough aforesaid, so as before directed, after the Death of the said Edward Coke, Knight, may have Power, and be able, to exercise and enjoy that Office of Recorder of the Borough aforesaid, during the good Pleasure of the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Capital Burgesses, of the Borough aforesaid, or of the greater Part of the same, (of whom the Mayor of the Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, We will to be one, or until some other Recorder of the Borough aforesaid, to that Office, in due Order shall have been chosen, appointed, and sworn.

11. To have a
Steward; who is to
be sworn, as here
directed:

AND FURTHER, of Our more abundant special Grace, and from our certain Knowledge and mere Motion, We will, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do grant to the aforesaid Mayor, and Burgesses, of the Borough aforesaid, and their Successors, that they, and their Successors, for ever, may have, and shall have, one discreet and sufficient Man, in Form in these Presents expressed to be chosen and nominated,

who shall be, and shall be named, STEWARD of the Borough aforesaid; AND that the Steward of the Borough aforesaid, so as before directed being chosen and nominated, before he may be admitted to execute that Office, shall take a Corporal Oath, before the Mayor and Recorder of the Borough aforesaid, or either of them, for the Time being, to execute uprightly and faithfully, that Office of Steward of the Borough aforesaid, according to his Knowledge, in all Things relating to that Office; AND that after such Oath so taken, he may exercise and use the Office of Steward of that Borough, in the Borough aforesaid, by himself, or by his sufficient Deputy.

after which, he may execute his Office by himself or Deputy.

AND We have assigned, nominated, constituted, and made, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do assign, nominate, constitute, and make, by Us beloved, John Cutting, Gentleman, about to be, and to be, the first, and at this Time, Steward of the Borough aforesaid, to be continued in the same Office during the Term of the Life of him, John Cutting; AND that

12. The first Steward appointed—for Life.

After his Death, the Mayor, Alder-

men, and Capital
Burgesses, or the
greater Part of
them, to elect the
Steward.

Who may enjoy
that Office during
their Pleasures; first
being sworn, as
here directed.

after the Death of him, John, from Time to Time, and at all Times, at the Good Will and Pleasure of the aforementioned Mayor, and Aldermen, and Capital Burgesses, of the Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, or of the greater Part of the same, (of whom the Mayor of the Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, We will to be one,) they may have Power, and be able, to choose, nominate, and appoint, one other discreet and sufficient Man, from Time to Time, to the Stewardship of the Borough aforesaid; AND that he who so, as aforesaid, shall have been elected, appointed, and nominated, to the Stewardship of the Borough aforesaid, may be able, and have Power, to have, execute, and enjoy, that Office; during the good Pleasure of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Capital Burgesses, of the Borough aforesaid, or the greater Part of the same, (of whom the Mayor of the Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, We will to be one,) a Corporal Oath being first to be taken, as aforesaid, to execute that Office well and faithfully.

AND We will, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do grant to them, the said Mayor, and Burgesses, of the Borough aforesaid, and their Successors, that they, and their Successors hereafter for ever, may have, hold, and enjoy, and may have Power, and be able, to have and to hold, within the Borough aforesaid, to wit, in the Guildhall of the same Borough, one Court of Record, to be holden on every Tuesday, in every Week, through the Year, before the Mayor, Recorder, and Steward, of the Borough aforesaid, or the Deputy of the same Steward, for the Time being, or two of them; AND that in that Court they may be able, and have Power, to hold, by Plaint in the same Court to be levied, all, and all Manner of, Pleas, Actions, Suits, and Demands, personal and mixed, concerning whatsoever Trespasses, personal and mixed, and concerning whatsoever Trespasses personal, by Force and Arms, and concerning whatsoever other Trespasses, within the Borough aforesaid, the Liberties and Precincts of the same, moved, arising, had, or committed, or hereafter to be done, had, moved, or committed,

13. A Court of Record of Pleas, granted: to be held every Tuesday.

What Pleas they may try, and before whom.

and concerning all, and all Manner of, Débts, Pleas upon the Case, Deceits, Accounts, Dues, Covenants, Detentions of Papers, Writings, and Muniments, and the taking of Chattels, and the detaining of Beasts and Cattle, and other Contracts whatsoever, from whatsoever Causes or Matters, within the Borough aforesaid, the Liberties and Precincts of the same, arising, or happening in future to arise; PROVIDED the same Trespasses, Debts, Accounts, Covenants, Deceits, Detentions, or other Contracts, exceed not the Sum, Damage, or Value, of Forty Pounds; AND that such Pleas, Complaints, Suits, and Actions, may there be heard and determined, before the said Mayor, Recorder, and Steward, of the Borough aforesaid, or the Deputy of the same Steward, for the Time being, or two of them, by such, and such like, general Processes and Rules, according to the Laws and Customs of our Kingdom of England, by such, and as to our Law it shall be agreeable, and in as ample a Manner and Form, as in any other Court of Record, in any City, Borough, or Town incorporated, within

this our Kingdom of England, is used and accustomed.

AND MOREOVER, We will, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do grant to the aforementioned Mayor and Burgesses, and their Successors, that hereafter for ever there be, and shall be, in the Borough aforesaid, Four, Three, or Two, Officers, at the Choice of the aforementioned Mayor, Aldermen, and Capital Burgesses, of the Borough aforesaid, or the major Part of the same, of whom the Mayor of the Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, We will to be one, who shall be, and shall be called, **SERGEANTS AT MACE**, to serve in the Court of the Borough aforesaid, and for Proclamation, Arrest, and Execution of Processes, Mandates, and other Matters, in the Office of Sergeant at Mace in the Borough aforesaid, the Liberties, Limits, Bounds, and Precincts, of the same, from Time to Time to be performed and executed; the which Sergeants at Mace, so as before directed, being appointed, nominated, and chosen, shall be attending, from

14. Four, Three, or Two, Sergeants at Mace granted; to be chosen by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Capital Burgesses, or the greater Part of them.

Their Duty.

How to be sworn.

To continue during the Pleasure of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Capital Burgesses.

15. The Sergeants are to carry Maces before the Mayor, every where in the Borough.

Time to Time, upon the Mayor of the Borough aforesaid, for the Time being; AND that the aforesaid Sergeants at Mace, so as before directed to be chosen and nominated, be, and shall be, sworn in due Manner, well and faithfully to exercise their aforesaid Offices, before the Mayor, Recorder, and Steward, of the Borough aforesaid, or two of them, (of whom the aforementioned Mayor, for the Time being, We will to be one; AND that after such Oath so taken, they ought, have Power, and be able, to execute and use that Office during the good Pleasure of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Capital Burgesses, of the Borough aforesaid, for the Time being.

AND FURTHER, We will, ordain, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do grant to the aforementioned Mayor and Burgesses, of the Borough aforesaid, and their Successors, THAT the aforesaid Sergeants at Mace, in the Borough aforesaid to be deputed, shall carry and bear before the Mayor of the Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, gilt or silvered Maces, and the

Figure of Our Arms engraved and ornamented, every where within the said Borough, the Suburbs, Liberties, and Precincts, of the same.

AND FURTHER, We will, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do grant to the aforementioned Mayor and Burgesses of the Borough aforesaid, and their Successors, THAT the Mayor of the Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, and the last Predecessor Mayor of that Borough, for the Time being, for and during one whole Year after he shall have retired from the Office of Mayor of the Borough aforesaid, and the Recorder, and Steward, of the Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, hereafter for ever, be, and shall be, and every of them be, and shall be, Our Justices, and of Our Heirs and Successors, to keep the Peace in the same Borough, the Liberties, and Precincts, of the same; AND ALSO to maintain, keep, and cause to be kept, the Statutes concerning Artificers and Labourers, Weights and Measures, within the Borough aforesaid, the Liberties, and Precincts, of the same; AND that the said

16. The Mayor, the last Predecessor Mayor, the Recorder, and the Steward, are to be Justices of the Peace.

Their Duty.

Their Power.

Mayor, of the Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, and the last Predecessor Mayor of the same Borough, for the Time being, and the Recorder, and Steward, of the Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, or any two of them (of whom the aforenamed Mayor, for the Time being, We will always to be one, may have full Power, and Authority, to inquire concerning whatsoever Trespasses, Misprisions, and other inferior Offences, Defaults, and Articles, within the Borough aforesaid, the Suburbs, Liberties, and Precincts, of the same, done, moved, or committed, which, before the Keepers and Justices of the Peace, in any County of Our Kingdom of England, by the Laws and Statutes of this Our Kingdom of England, as Justices of the Peace, ought, and shall be, inquired

Limitation thereof. into; SO nevertheless, that to the determining of any Treason or Felony, or any other Matter, touching the Loss of Life, or Member, within the Borough aforesaid, the Liberties or Precincts of the same, they may not proceed in any wise hereafter, without Our special Mandate, of Our Heirs or Successors.

AND FURTHER, We grant to the aforesaid Mayor and Burgesses, and their Successors, that they, and their Successors, may have a Gaol, in a convenient Place, within the Precincts of the aforesaid Borough of Harwich, for whatsoever Persons, for whatsoever Felonies, Trespases, Misdemeanors, and other Matters and Causes whatsoever, to be arrested or attached, or to the same Gaol to be committed, there, according to Our Law, to be imprisoned and kept, safely and securely, until from thence, according to the Laws and Customs of this Our Kingdom of England, they may be delivered.

17. Grant of a Gaol.

AND FURTHER, We will, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do grant, and ordain, that there be, and shall be, in the said Borough of Harwich, Two Burgesses of Our Parliaments, and of Our Heirs and Successors; AND that the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Capital Burgesses, of the Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, and their Successors, upon Our Writ, of Our Heirs and Successors, in that behalf duly

18. Power to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Capital Burgesses, to elect Two Burgesses of Parliament.

directed, for the Election of Burgesses of Parliament, may have, and shall have, Power, Authority, and Liberty, to choose and nominate Two discreet and honest Men, to be hereafter Burgesses of the Parliament of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, for the same Borough; AND the same Burgesses so chosen, at the Costs and Charges of the said Mayor and Burgesses, of the Borough aforesaid, and their Successors, for the Time being, to send unto Our Parliament, of Our Heirs and Successors, where then it shall be holden, in the same Manner and Form as in other Places, Cities, Boroughs, or Towns, of Our Kingdom of England, is used and accustomed; the which Burgesses, so chosen and nominated, We will to be present and continue at Our Parliament, of Our Heirs and Successors, at the Costs and Charges of the said Mayor and Burgesses, of the Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, during the Time which such Parliament shall happen to be holden, in such like Manner and Form as other Burgesses of Parliament, for whatsoever other Boroughs, or other Borough whatsoever, within Our Kingdom of

England, do, or have been accustomed to do; AND the which Burgesses in such Parliament, of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, shall have their Voices, as well affirmative as negative, and all and singular other Things there may do and execute, as another Burgess, or other Burgesses, of Our Parliament, for whatsoever other Boroughs, or other Borough whatsoever, may have, do, and execute, or may have Power, or be able, to have, do, or execute, in whatsoever Respect or Manner.

WE HAVE ALSO GRANTED, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do grant, to the aforementioned Mayor and Burgesses, of the Borough aforesaid, and their Successors, THAT the Burgesses and Inhabitants, of the Borough aforesaid, who now are, or hereafter shall be, or any one of them, so long as they shall be Inhabitants and Residents within the Borough aforesaid, the Liberties and Precincts of the same, may not be put, nor may any one of them be put, upon any Assizes, Juries, Attaints, or Inquisitions, whatsoever, which in Respect of Lands, Tene-

19. Exemption to the Burgesses and Inhabitants, from serving on Juries, &c. out of the Borough, in Respect of their Lands, &c. in the Borough,

ments, Trespasses, or other Affairs, or foreign Contracts whatsoever, without the Borough aforesaid, the Liberties and Precincts of the same, being, or arising, before our Justices, or other Ministers, of Our Heirs or Successors, shall have arisen, or in Future shall arise, in Respect of any Lands or Tenements which they, or any one of them, have, or hath, within the Borough aforesaid, the Liberties or Precincts of the same, unless they may have, or any one of them may have, Lands and Tenements without the Borough aforesaid, the Liberties and Precincts of the same, for which they ought, or he ought, to be charged.

so, Grant of a
Market, every Fri-
day:

Of two Fairs every
Year:

AND FURTHER, We will, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do grant to the aforementioned Mayor and Burgesses, of the Borough aforesaid, and their Successors for ever, that they, and their Successors, may have, hold, and keep, and may have Power, and be able, to have, hold, and keep, in the Borough aforesaid, yearly for ever, one Market, on every Friday, in every Week through the Year; AND ALSO

two Holidays or Fairs by the Year, to be held every Year for ever in the same Borough; the first of the said two Holidays or Fairs beginning on the Vigil of the Feast of the Saints Philip and James the Apostles, and to continue through all that Vigil, and through the same Feast, and through the Day after the same Feast; but the other Holiday or Fair beginning on the Vigil of the Feast of Saint Luke the Evangelist, and to continue through all that Vigil, and through the same Feast of Saint Luke, and through the Day after the same Feast; together with a Court of Piepoudre, there to be held at the Time of the same Holidays or Fairs and Markets; and with all Liberties and Free Customs, Tolls, Stallages, Picages, Fines, Amerciaments, and all other Profits, Commodities, and Emoluments whatsoever, to such Markets, Holidays, Fairs, and Courts of Piepoudre appertaining, happening, arising, or relating; and with all other Free Customs and Liberties whatsoever, to such Markets, Holidays, Fairs, and Courts of Piepoudre appertaining; SO nevertheless that the aforesaid Markets, and Holidays

Also of a Court of
Piepoudre:

And all Profits
thereof.

or Fairs, be not to the Injury of other neighbouring Markets, Holidays, or Fairs, near adjacent.

21. License to have and purchase Lands, not exceeding £60 a Year Value.

AND FURTHER, of Our more abundant special Grace, and from Our certain Knowledge and mere Motion, We have granted, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, as much as in Us is, do grant and give, special License, and free and lawful Liberty, Power, and Authority, to the aforementioned Mayor and Burgesses of the Borough aforesaid, and their Successors, to have, take, and purchase, to them, and their Successors for ever, as well of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, as of whomsoever Our Subjects and Lieges, or of other Persons whomsoever, or of other Person whomsoever, Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Rectories, Tithes, Reversions, Rents, Services, and other Possessions, Revenues, Services, and Hereditaments, whatsoever, which are not held immediately of Us, Our Heirs or Successors, in Capite, nor by Knight Service; PROVIDED the same Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Rectories, Tithes, Rents, Reversions,

and Services, or other Possessions, Revenues, and Hereditaments, so by them to be had, taken, and purchased, may not exceed in the Whole the clear annual Value of Sixty Pounds by the Year; the Statute concerning Lands and Tenements not to be put in Mortmain, or any other Statute, Act, Ordinance, Provision, or Restriction, or any other Thing, Cause, or Matter whatsoever, in any wise notwithstanding.

WE HAVE MOREOVER GRANTED and given, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, **DO** give and grant, special License and lawful Power and Permission, and Authority, to every Our Subject, and to every Our Subjects, of Our Heirs and Successors, and to whatsoever Bodies Incorporate or Politick, and to whatsoever Body Incorporate or Politick, and other Persons whomsoever, and to every one of them, **THAT** they may be able, or have Power, and every of them may be able, or have Power, to give, grant, sell, bequeath, assign, or by any other Manner whatsoever, or by any other Means what-

22. License to the King's Subjects, to grant Lands to the Mayor and Burgeses, not exceeding £60 a Year Value.

soever, to alienate, devise, or assure, any Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Rectories, Tithes, Rents, Reversions, Services, and other Possessions, Revenues, and Hereditaments whatsoever, which are not held immediately of Us, Our Heirs or Successors, in Capite, nor by Knight Service, to the aforementioned Mayor and Burgesses of the Borough aforesaid, and their Successors; PROVIDED the same Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Rectories, Tithes, and other Hereditaments whatsoever, so as aforesaid, to be given, granted, sold, bequeathed, alienated, or devised, may not exceed in the Whole, the clear annual Value of Sixty Pounds by the Year; the Statute of Lands and Tenements not to be put in Mortmain, or any other Act, Statute, Ordinance, Provision, or Restriction, or any other Thing, Cause, or Matter whatsoever, in any wise notwithstanding.

23. Confirmation
of all former Li-
berties.

AND FURTHER, of Our more ample special Grace, and from Our certain Knowledge and mere Motion, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, We do grant and confirm to the aforementioned Mayor and

Burgesses of the Borough aforesaid, and their Successors, all, and all Manner of, lawful Liberties, Franchises, Immunities, Exemptions, Quittances, and Jurisdictions ; AND ALSO, all and singular the same, and such, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Customs, Liberties, Privileges, Franchises, Immunities, Quittances, Exemptions, and Jurisdictions, which the Burgesses of the Borough of Harwich aforesaid heretofore have had, held, used, or enjoyed, or ought to have, hold, use, or enjoy, or any of them ought, or any one ought, or hath, had, held, used, or enjoyed, by whatsoever Names, or by whatsoever Name, or by whatsoever Incorporation, or by Pretext of whatsoever Incorporation, to them and their Successors for ever, of an Estate of Inheritance, by Reason or Pretext of any Charters, or Letters Patent, of any of Our Progenitors or Predecessors, in any Manner heretofore made, confirmed, or granted, or by Pretext of any Prescription, Use, or Custom, or by whatsoever other lawful Manner, Right, or Title, heretofore had, used, or accustomed.

24. Rendering the accustomed Payments.

BY RENDERING and paying on that Account, to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, so many, so great, the same, and such, Fee-farm Rents, and Sums of Money, as many, and as great, as to Us heretofore for the same have been due, accustomed, or payable.

25. General Power to enjoy, without Interruption, all Privileges by these Presents granted.

WHEREFORE We will, and firmly enjoining do command, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, that the aforesaid Mayor and Burgesses of the Borough aforesaid, may have, hold, and use, and enjoy, and may have Power, and be able, to have, hold, and enjoy for ever, all Liberties, Authorities, Jurisdictions, Franchises, and Quittances aforesaid, according to the Tenor and Effect of these Our Letters Patent, without Molestation or Hinderance of Us, Our Heirs or Successors, of Our Justices, Sheriffs, or other Bailiffs or Ministers, of Our Heirs and Successors whomsoever.

26. The Mayor and Burgesses not to be disturbed in such Enjoyment.

BEING UNWILLING that they, the same Mayor and Burgesses of the same Borough, or any

one, or any of them, by Reason of the Premises, or of any of them, by Us, or by Our Heirs, Justices, Sheriffs, or other Our Bailiffs or Ministers, of Our Heirs or Successors whomsoever, on that Occasion may be troubled, molested, vexed, or grieved, or in any Manner disturbed.

BEING WILLING, and by these Presents firmly commanding and charging, as well the Treasurer, Chancellor, and Barons, of Our Exchequer at Westminster, and other Our Justices and Officers, and of Our Heirs and Successors, as Our Attorney and Solicitor General for the Time being, and every of them, and all other Our Officers and Ministers whomsoever, that neither they, nor any one, or any of them, may prosecute, or continue, or shall do, or cause, or any one of them shall do, or cause, to be prosecuted, or continued, any Writ or Summons of Quo Warranto, or any other Our Writ, Writs, or Processes whatsoever, against the Mayor and Burgesses, or the Men or Inhabitants, of the Borough aforesaid, or any one, or any of them, for

27. No Writ of Quo Warranto, nor any other Writ, to be prosecuted against them, for any Thing before the making of these Presents.

any Causes, Things, Matters, Offences, Claims, or Usurpation, or any of them, by themselves, or any of them, owed, claimed, attempted, used, had, or usurped, before the Day of the making of these Presents.

28. The Mayor and Burgesses, and Men and Inhabitants, are not to be molested for the Use or Abuse of Liberties before the making of these Presents.

BEING WILLING, moreover, that the Mayor and Burgesses, and the Men and Inhabitants, of that Borough, or any of them, by any, or any one, of the Justices, Officers, or Ministers aforesaid, in or for the due Use, Claim, or Abuse, of other Liberties, Franchises, or Jurisdictions, within the Borough aforesaid, the Suburbs and Precincts of the same, before the Day of the making of these Our Letters Patent, be not in the least molested or hindered, or to those Matters, or any of them, compelled to answer.

29. The Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, are to have these Presents, without Fine or Fee.

MOREOVER WE WILL, and by these Presents, do grant to the aforementioned Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, of the Borough aforesaid, that they may have, and shall have, these Our Letters Patent, made, and sealed under Our Great

Seal of England, without great or small Fine, or Fee, to Us, in Our Hanaper, or elsewhere, to Our Use, on that Account, in any Manner to be rendered, paid, or made.

BECAUSE express Mention does not appear to be made, in these Presents, of the true yearly Value, or of the Certainty, of the Premises, or of any of them, or of other Gifts or Grants by Us, or by any one of Our Progenitors or Predecessors, to the aforementioned Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, before these Times made, or in any Statute, Act, Ordinance, Provision, Proclamation, or Restriction, to the contrary thereof heretofore had, made, published, ordained, or provided; OR any other Thing, Cause, or Matter, whatsoever, in any wise notwithstanding.

30. Though the Value or Certainty of the Premises, or of other Grants, appears not by these Presents: and any Statute heretofore made, notwithstanding.

IN TESTIMONY whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

31. Conclusion and Date.

WITNESS Ourselves at Westminster, the Eighteenth Day of April, in the Second Year of Our

Reign of England, France, and Ireland, and of
Scotland the Thirty-seventh.

By Writ of Privy Seal, &c.

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CHARLES the **SECOND**, by the Grace of God, of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. **TO ALL PEOPLE** to whom the present Letters shall come, greeting.

FOR AS MUCH AS Our Borough of Harwich, in Our County of Essex, is an ancient and populous Borough, and for very many Ages now past has been a Corporation, or Body Corporate and Politick.

1. Recital of ancient Incorporation:

AND SINCE the Mayor and Burgesses of the Borough of Harwich, have had, held, exercised, used, and enjoyed, and now have, hold, use, and enjoy, divers Liberties, Privileges, Franchises, Customs, Powers, Immunities, Pre-eminences,

2. Of ancient Liberties:

Lands, Tenements, Possessions, and other Hereditaments, and with the same, they have been, and are, accustomed and endowed, as well by Force and Virtue of divers Charters, Letters Patent, Grants, and Confirmations, by divers Our Progenitors, Kings and Queens of this Our Kingdom of England, heretofore made, granted, ratified, and confirmed, as by Reason and Pretext of divers laudable and ancient Prescriptions, used and approved in the same Borough.

3. And of Request to have the Body Corporate, and Liberties, confirmed.

AND FOR AS MUCH AS Our beloved Subjects, the now Mayor and Burgesses of the Borough of Harwich aforesaid, in Our County of Essex aforesaid, have most humbly besought Us, that We would, as far as in Us lies, for the Improvement and better Regiment of that Borough, graciously exhibit and extend Our Royal Grace and Munificence to the same Mayor and Burgesses, in Ratification and Confirmation of the Body Corporate aforesaid, and of the ancient Liberties and Privileges of the same Borough.

KNOW YE, therefore, that We, graciously desiring the Improvement of the Borough aforesaid, and the prosperous Condition of Our People there, AND WILLING that the Mayor and Burgesses of that Borough be armed, and endued, with suitable Powers and Privileges, as well for the due Correction and Amendment of the Evils and Inconveniences, as for the good Regiment and Government, of the same Borough, of Our special Grace, and from Our certain Knowledge and mere Motion, DO WILL, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, DO GIVE, grant, confirm, ratify, and approve, to the Mayor and Burgesses of the Borough aforesaid, and their Successors, all, and all Manner of, Messuages, Mills, Lands, Tenements, Tithes, Meadows, Feedings, Pastures, Commons, Coroners, Escheators, Courts of Record, Cognizances of Pleas, Goods and Chattels of Felons and Fugitives, Felons de se, and put in Exigent, Deodands, Waifs, Estrays, Markets, Holidays, Fairs, Tolls, Customs, Tallages, Taxes, Fines, Redemptions, Issues, Amerciaments, Forfeitures, Perquisites of Courts, Liberties

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for a Gaol, and so many, so great, these, the same, such, and such like, Liberties, Franchises, Immunities, Exemptions, Privileges, Quittances, Jurisdictions, Wastes, Waste Grounds, Commodities, Profits, Emoluments, and Hereditaments, whatsoever, as many, as great, such as, and which, by Charter of Our most dear Grandfather, Lord James, late King of England, of blessed Memory, bearing Date at Westminster, the Eighteenth Day of April, in the Year of his Reign of England, France, and Ireland, the Second, and of Scotland the Thirty-seventh, were granted, or mentioned to be granted, or which the Mayor and Burgesses of the same Borough, or their Predecessors, by whatsoever Names, or by whatsoever Name, or by whatsoever Incorporation, or Pretext of whatsoever Name or Incorporation, heretofore have had, held, used, or enjoyed, or have possessed, or ought to have, hold, use, or enjoy, or now have, hold, use, and enjoy, or possess, to them and their Successors, by Reason or Pretext of the Letters Patent aforesaid, or of any other Charters, Grants, or Letters Patent, by any one of Our Progenitors or Ancestors,

tors, late Kings or Queens of England, in any wise heretofore made, granted, or confirmed; or by whatsoever other legal Manner, Right, or Title, Custom, Use, or Prescription, heretofore lawfully used, had, or accustomed; although the same, or any one, or any of them, hath, or have, been forfeited or lost, or although the same, or any one of them, hath, or have, been misused, or not used, abused, or discontinued.

AND WE WILL, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do grant to them, the said Mayor and Burgesses of the Borough aforesaid, and their Successors, that they and their Successors, hereafter for ever, may have, hold, and enjoy, and may have Power, and be able, to have, and to hold, within the Borough aforesaid, to wit, in the Guildhall of the same Borough, one Court of Record, to be holden on every Tuesday in every Week through the Year, before the Mayor, Recorder, and Steward, of the Borough aforesaid, or the Deputy of the same Steward for the Time being, or two of them; AND that in

5. Second Grant of a Court of Record of Pleas, and Extension of the Sum or Damage to be sought therein, to £100.

that Court they may be able, and have Power, to hold, by Plaint in the same Court to be levied, all, and all Manner of, Pleas, Actions, Suits, and Demands, personal and mixed, and concerning whatsoever Trespasses, personal and mixed, and concerning whatsoever Trespasses, personal, by Force and Arms, and concerning whatsoever other Trespasses, within the Borough aforesaid, the Liberties and Precincts of the same, moved, arising, had, or committed, or hereafter to be done, had, moved, or committed; and concerning all, and all Manner of, Debts, Pleas upon the Case, Deceits, Accounts, Dues, Covenants, Detentions of Papers, Writings, and Muniments, and the taking of Chattels, and the detaining of Beasts and Cattle, and other Contracts whatsoever, from whatsoever Causes or Matters, within the Borough aforesaid, the Liberties and Precincts of the same, arising, or in future happening to arise; PROVIDED the same Trespasses, Debts, Accounts, Covenants, Deceits, Detentions, or other Contracts, exceed not the Sum, Damage, or Value, of an Hundred Pounds; AND that such Pleas, Plaints, Suits,

and Actions, be there heard determined, before the said Mayor, Recorder, and Steward, of the Borough aforesaid, or the Deputy of the same Steward for the Time being, or two of them, by such, and such like, general Processes and Rules, according to the Laws and Customs of Our Kingdom of England, by such, and as to Our Law shall be agreeable, and in as ample a Manner and Form, as in any other Court of Record, in any City, Borough, or Town incorporated, within this Our Kingdom of England, is used and accustomed; **TO HAVE, HOLD, AND ENJOY**, to the aforesaid Mayor and Burgesses of the Borough of Harwich aforesaid, and their Successors for ever; **AND RENDERING** and paying therefore yearly to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, so many, so great, these, the same, such, and such like, Fee-farm Rents, Services, Sums of Money, and Demands, whatsoever, as many, as great, such as, and which, to Us heretofore have been accustomed to be rendered or paid, or ought to be rendered or paid, for the same.

6. General Power to enjoy, without Interruption, all Privileges by these and the before-mentioned Letters Patent granted.

WHEREFORE We will, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, firmly enjoining, do command, that the aforesaid Mayor and Burgesses of the Borough aforesaid, and their Successors, may have, hold, use, and enjoy, and may have Power, and be able, to have, hold, use, and enjoy, for ever, All Liberties, Authorities, Jurisdictions, Franchises, Exemptions, Immunities, Quittances, and Hereditaments, aforesaid, according to the Tenor and Effect of these Our Letters Patent, and of the aforesaid other Letters Patent, above in these Presents mentioned, without Molestation or Hinderance of Us, Our Heirs or Successors, of Our Sheriffs, Escheators, Bailiffs, Officers, or Ministers, of Our Heirs or Successors, whomsoever.

7. The Mayor and Burgesses not to be disturbed in such Enjoyment.

BEING UNWILLING that they, the same Mayor and Burgesses of the Borough aforesaid, or any one, or any of them, by Reason of the Premises, or of any of them, by Us, or by Our Heirs or Successors, Our Justices, Sheriffs, Bailiffs, or Ministers, whatsoever, of Our Heirs or Successors, on

that Occasion, may be troubled, molested, grieved, or in any Manner disturbed.

BEING WILLING, and by these Presents commanding and charging, as well the Justices assigned to hold Pleas before Us, and the Treasurer, Chancellor, and Barons, of Our Exchequer, at Westminster, and other Our Justices, of Our Heirs and Successors, as Our Attorney and Solicitor General for the Time being, and every of them, and all other Our Officers and Ministers whomsoever, of Our Heirs and Successors, that neither they, nor any one, or any, of them, any Writ or Summons, or Distress of Quo Warranto, or any other Our Writ, Writs, or Processes whatsoever, against the aforementioned Mayor and Burgesses of the Borough aforesaid, or any one, or any, of them, for any Causes, Things, Matters, or Offences, or any one of them, claimed, used, attempted, or had, before the Day of the making of these Presents, may prosecute, or continue, or shall make, or cause, or any one of them shall make, or cause, to be prosecuted, or continued.

8. No Prosecution against them, for any Thing done before the making of these Presents.

9. They are not to be compelled to answer for the Use or Abuse of any Liberties before the making of these Presents.

BEING WILLING also, that the Mayor and Burgesses of the same Borough, or any, or any one, of them, by any one, or any, the Justices, Officers, or Ministers aforesaid, in, or for, the due Use or Claim of any other Liberties, Franchises, or Jurisdictions, within the Borough aforesaid, the Liberties, Franchises, Limits, or Precincts, of the same, before the Day of the making of these Our Letters Patent, be not in the least molested or hindered, or to those Matters, or any one, or any, of them, compelled to answer. **NOTWITHSTANDING** non-reciting, or falsely, or not rightly, reciting the Letters Patent aforesaid, or the Date of them; and notwithstanding mis-naming or mis-reciting, or not naming, or not reciting, the aforesaid Messuages, Mills, Lands, Tenements, Tithes, Meadows, Feedings, Pastures, and other the Premises, above by these Presents before granted, or mentioned to be granted, or confirmed, or any Part or Parcel thereof; **AND NOTWITHSTANDING** not finding the Office or Offices, Inquisition or Inquisitions, of the Premises, above by these Presents before granted, or mentioned to

be granted, or of any Part or Parcel thereof, by which Our Title ought to be found, before the making of these Our Letters Patent; **AND NOTWITHSTANDING** mis-reciting, mis-naming, or not reciting, any Demise, or Grant, existing, of the Premises, or of any Part or Parcel thereof, of Record, or not of Record, or otherwise, in any Manner howsoever heretofore made; **AND NOTWITHSTANDING** mis-naming, or not naming, any Town, Hamlet, Parish, Place, or County, in which the Premises, or any Part or Parcel thereof, be, or are; **AND NOTWITHSTANDING** that there be not made any true, full, or certain, Mention of the Names of the Tenants, Farmers, or Occupiers, of the Messuages, Mills, Lands, Tenements, Tithes, or Hereditaments aforesaid, or any of the Premises, or of any Part or Parcel thereof; **AND NOTWITHSTANDING** any Mispri-
sions, or Defects, of the Certainty or Computation, or of the Declaration, of the true annual Value of the Premises, or of any Part or Parcel thereof, or of the annual Rent reserved, of, in, and upon, the Premises, or of, in, and upon, any Parcel

thereof, in these Our Letters Patent expressed and contained; **AND NOTWITHSTANDING** the Statute in the Parliament of Our Ancestor, Lord Henry the Sixth, late King of England, made and published in the Eighteenth Year of his Reign; **AND NOTWITHSTANDING** any other Defects in naming, or not naming, or mis-naming, the Nature, Kinds, Species, Qualities, or Quantities, of the Premises, or of any Parcel thereof.

10. Oaths to be
taken by Officers
of the Borough.

PROVIDED always, and We will, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do ordain, and firmly enjoining, do command, that the Mayor, Aldermen, Capital Burgesses, Recorder, Steward, Common Clerk, and all other Officers and Ministers, of the Borough aforesaid, and the Deputies of them; **AND ALSO, ALL** Justices for Our Peace, of Our Heirs and Successors, hereafter to be nominated, elected, or constituted, within the Borough aforesaid, by Virtue, or according to the Tenor, of these Presents, or of any other Letters Patent, or Charters, heretofore made; before they may be admitted, or in any

Manner in that Behalf, may enter, or any one of them respectively may enter, upon the Execution or Exercise of the Office or Place to which, or of the Offices or Places to which, they respectively shall have been nominated, elected, or constituted, shall take, and every of them shall take, as well the Corporal Oath commonly called (the Oath of Obedience), as the Corporal Oath commonly called (the Oath of Supremacy), upon the holy Evangelists of God, before such Person, or such Persons, as, and which, at present are appointed and assigned, or hereafter shall be appointed or assigned, to give and take such Oaths, by the Law and Statutes of this Our Kingdom of England.

AND FURTHER, We do grant and declare, by these Presents, that it may well be lawful, and shall be lawful, for Our beloved and faithful Harbottle Grimston, Baronet, Master of the Rolls in Our Court of Chancery, now Recorder of the Borough aforesaid, to have, nominate, and make, any one sufficient and discreet Man, learned in the Laws of England, about to be, and to be, his

11. Power to Sir H. Grimston (the Recorder at the Time of granting this Charter) to make a Deputy.

Deputy in the Office of Recorder of the Borough
aforesaid.

12. Who is to be
sworn, as here di-
rected.

AND We will, that every such Deputy shall
take his Corporal Oath before the aforesaid Har-
bottle Grimston, to execute that Office and Place,
well and faithfully in all Things, according to the
Duty of that Office; AND every such Deputy,
so nominated and made, may have, and shall have,
as full Power and Authority, in all and singular
Things, to the Office of Recorder of that Borough
belonging or appertaining, to all Intents and Pur-
poses, as the Recorder of the same Borough hath,
or ought to have.

13. Though the
Value or Certainty
of the Premises, or
of other Grants,
appears not by
these Presents: and
any Statute here-
tofore made, not-
withstanding.

BECAUSE express Mention does not appear
to be made in these Presents of the true yearly
Value, or of the Certainty, of the Premises, or of
any of them, or of other Gifts or Grants, by Us,
or by any one of Our Progenitors or Predecessors,
to the aforementioned Mayor and Burgesses of the Bo-
rough of Harwich aforesaid, before these Times
made, or any Statute, Act, Ordinance, Provision,

Proclamation, or Restriction, to the contrary thereof heretofore had, made, published, ordained, or provided, or any other Thing, Cause, or Matter, whatsoever, in any wise notwithstanding.

IN TESTIMONY whereof, We have caused ^{14. Conclusion} these Our Letters to be made Patent. ^{and Date.}

WITNESS Ourselves at Westminster, the Fourteenth Day of April, in the Seventeenth Year of Our Reign.

By Command of the King,

VYNER.

Proclamation, or Restraint, to the contrary
thereof heretofore had, made, published, or
ed, or provided, or any other Thing, Cause, or
Matter, whatsoever, in any wise notwithstanding.

at London
the 14th of April

IN TESTIMONY whereof, We have caused
these Our Letters to be made Patent.

WITNESS Ourself at Westminster, the Four-
teenth Day of April, in the Seventeenth Year of
Our Reign.

By Command of the King.

TYNER.